

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

OF

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GREENLEE COUNTY

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4-H CLUB WORK

A. County Situation

In the six recognized communities in Greenlee County, four had organized 4-H programs; all of the clubs are out of school. According to statistical reports there are approximately 390 rural youth of 4-H club age. More interest is shown in 4-H work by the younger girls than by the older girls. The older girls have partly lost interest because they had 4-H work in the schools and consider it as a dull school subject. In the future the younger girls that are now in 4-H may keep their interest in 4-H as long as it is kept on the out of school basis.

Other youth groups in the county are Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Rainbow Girls, and church groups, especially the L.D.S. youth programs. The L.D.S. youth program and music and dancing lessons cause a great deal of conflict with 4-H club attendance.

Recreational facilities are limited mainly to churches and schools. The schools have good programs during school, and the churches offer a rather full program when schools are closed.

The potential leadership in the county seems to be very good. All youth of the L.D.S. church are taught to be leaders and through their 4-H activities, they combine the two. A training meeting was held for the officers of all the 4-H clubs, and through the training received, the officers are making excellent leaders. The youth in this county seem to be very interested in learning to be leaders. Junior leadership in the 4-H clubs in this county seems to work very well. The lay leaders that the junior assistant has worked with seem to be interested in learning the 4-H way of running meetings and doing project work so that they can help the girls be good homemakers, citizens, and leaders in the future. Club leadership interest seems to be improving all of the time.

Agriculture in the county restricts itself to the raising of two main crops - cotton and hay. There is little in the way of garden crops in the lower part of the county. One dairy in the lower valley helps to provide the local supply of milk. Ranching and cattle raising are also industries of the county. The average farm income for the county as reported for the year 1945 in the United States Census of Agriculture is \$3,568.

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The churches and schools in each community serve as centers for many interests. Each school has its own library, and there are two larger libraries - one in Clifton and one in Duncan. Hospital facilities are very meager.

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B. Summary

A statistical summary of activity in girls' 4-H club work in the county for the past year shows:

- 4 out of 6 communities have 4-H clubs
- 4 clubs all out of school
- 3 leaders, all lay leaders
- 1 junior leader
- 1 leader training meeting
- 30 club members
- 32 projects
- 2 achievement days
- 1 State Round-up
- 2 girls attending summer camp
- 8 radio programs
- 3 news articles

The county 4-H program was organized on an out of school basis with all lay leaders. Training was given to these volunteer leaders along subject matter and organization lines. Projects were carried in clothing, foods, canning, and room improvement, health, and junior leadership. Clubs were classified this way although some individuals carried more than one project. Clubs arranged with their leaders their own programs for study and recreation. County events were participated in by all clubs.

4-H club work has meant that the young girls have had a chance to learn better homemaking practices with others their own ages, cooperation on the part of parents, the challenge to work cooperatively together outside of school, and to develop leadership.

All achievement days were planned for each community rather than having a single county achievement day. This was done in hopes that more parent interest and community support would be shown. It worked out very well.

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C. Organization and Planning

During the first month the junior assistant was on duty, new clubs were being organized and old clubs were being re-organized. All needed materials were issued, and club enrollments were completed. All clubs were organized on the out of school basis, under the guidance of only lay leaders, although some of the leaders are teachers. There are two mixed project clubs in Greenlee County.

The junior assistant started work on organizing a clothing club in Duncan. Several announcements were made over the radio, asking interested girls to report to the county office, as a leader was waiting to start a club. The club was organized by the junior assistant; 4-H work was fully explained to the leader, and the club had their first meeting. They elected officers, and decided on the name "Scissorettes". The junior assistant explained what would be expected of each club member, and explained the record books to the girls. The members showed a great deal of interest to begin with and they are working hard.

For the achievement days of the club the homemakers' clubs acted as hostesses. They furnished refreshments, and decorated the meeting places as much as they could.

Some parents have been contacted through home visits, and more were contacted through the achievement programs, by the junior assistant. The main problems discussed were the actual projects that the girls were doing in the clubs. The parents thought the girls would do more work at the meetings of their clubs, but now they are beginning to realize that it is very important for the girls to do most of the work at home. The parents are more cooperative with the leaders of the 4-H work, now that they see the results of the summers' work. The junior assistant gave individual help to parents and 4-H girls at the achievement days on ways club members may improve their work, and get more enjoyment out of doing things right.

Through the home visits the junior assistant feels that the parents better understand the things that are expected of their girls in 4-H work, and that they are more willing to work with the girls and the leaders.

All of the meetings attended by the junior assistant are included in the annual statistical report as method demonstrations. There are no other meetings at which the 4-H agent merely watched.

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D. Enrollments and Completions

Accompanying graphs show club enrollments by clubs and by projects. Completions are not at present established.

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4-H CLUB ENROLLMENTS GIRLS
Summer 1949

Sewing Clubs	1.	2.	3.
Cooking Club	1.		
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED			
	5	10	15

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E. Leadership of 4-H Club Work

All leaders in the Greenlee County 4-H program this year are lay leaders. Of the three adult leaders all three are parents. There is one junior leader in Greenlee County. Most of the leaders are serving their first year in 4-H club work, but the average for the county is two years. All leaders are volunteers. In many cases the leaders are serving because the girls asked them to.

One leader and club officer training program was held this summer in the Graham County, Safford High School, with sixty-nine leaders and girls from Graham and Greenlee Counties in attendance. ~~The sessions~~ The sessions were conducted by the state specialists Miss Church, Miss Lincoln, and Miss Ryan, and the State 4-H Leader, Mr. McKee. Instruction was given in clothing and food preparation, organization of clubs, and planning programs. The subject matter training for club leaders lasted through the morning. In the afternoon the leaders sat in on the training of the club officers. Members of the state extension staff instructed club members how to perform the duties of their respective offices.

The junior assistant received instruction and assistance at the same time.

Evidence of the leaders using the information and practices they learned at the training meeting have showed up in the fact that they have taught the girls, and the girls are using these methods in their demonstrations and other work. Help has been given to the leaders, who were unable to attend the meeting, by the junior assistant.

The junior assistant has helped the leaders with program planning by showing them the written plan, and planning achievement day programs. More should have been done with helping the leaders to use the written plan.

The leaders were contacted as often as they asked for help or as regularly as the junior assistant could get around to all of the clubs. Most help was given with methods of doing things.

The junior leaders helped the leaders in planning the programs and helping the girls in the clubs with their projects. All the leaders and junior leaders cooperated very well with the junior assistant.

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F. Local 4-H Club Program

Two achievement day programs were held in Greenlee County this year, instead of one, in hopes that more parent and community interest would be shown. The homemakers' club in each community was asked to act as hostess to the 4-H club. The plan worked quite well. Although there were not as many parents attending as the junior assistant wished to see, there were many more than have in the past attended county achievement days.

At the achievement days the girls judged articles that they learned to make during the summer, and gave demonstrations. It is planned that the winners of the demonstrations in each club will be able to give their demonstrations at the county fair this year. It is also planned that dress revue can be held at fair time. All the things the girls made will be displayed at county fair, and judged at that time. This is being tried so as to get more of the 4-H work at the fair. In the past the girls haven't bothered to display at county fair what they have done because their things had already been judged. This way they will have to take their garments, canning, freezing, and food displays to the fair to have them judged. By having the girls give demonstrations at the county fair more people will see what 4-H club work, and the girls in it, are doing. We have trouble selling some of our parents on the idea of 4-H club work, and we hope that when they see other girls doing things, they will want their own girls to be in the clubs.

The general program for the achievements consisted of the girls judging articles prepared by the leaders and the junior assistant, and in giving demonstrations. All of the clubs set up displays of the things they have done this year.

One club has been using the written club program this summer, and the leader liked using it, as it helped her more to have the meetings planned ahead of time.

The clubs included recreation and health in their programs. At all meetings the clubs sing songs, and play games. Other recreation comes as they plan it in their programs, mostly in the winter months.

According to the results shown at the achievement days it is evident that the clubs have practiced judging and demonstrations. Nearly

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every girl has given a demonstration in club meeting, although not all of them gave demonstrations at their achievement days. Most of the girls like to give demonstrations after they get started. They thought they were something very complicated at first, but when they started to give them they got more enjoyment out of them. This is shown by the fact that they looked forward to giving demonstrations at their achievement day programs. The parents remarked that they had learned a lot by watching their girls demonstrate , and they thought it was wonderful that the girls could show how to do the things they learned during the summer. Of course this helped the girls' attitudes toward giving demonstrations.

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G. 4-H Activities

This year the 4-H clubs in Greenlee County joined the clubs of Graham County in entering a float in the L.D.S. Pioneer Day parade in Safford. The clubs all went together on the expense of making the float, and a truck was borrowed from a Safford lumber store. The junior assistant helped plan the float, and was responsible for getting the materials to put on the float. She also helped the girls get the float ready, and put make-up on the people that were to be on the float. The junior assistant took pictures of the float, which follow this report section.

Two girls from Greenlee County attended a sectional summer camp that was held at Mt. Lemmon. The girls helped raise the flag one morning, and lowered it the same evening. The junior assistant assisted Mrs. Baldridge, home demonstration agent from Cochise County, in the "protecting yourself" part of the program by running a film on first aid, and by teaching some of the bandaging practices that every camper should know. She also helped the other members of the camp staff with recreation, and games. The camp was greatly enjoyed by all, and the girls took home a lot of good points on summer camp, to interest more girls in going in the future.

Six girls, one leader, the home demonstration agent, and the junior assistant home demonstration agent traveled to Tucson to participate in the State 4-H Round-up. There was one reporter, one foods demonstration team, and one clothing judging team; these girls took red ribbons.

The junior assistant assisted Miss Church with the clothing judging contest by announcing the different groups to go in to do their judging and grading the placing cards as they were turned in. The remainder of her time was spent observing the demonstrations that the girls from Graham and Greenlee counties gave.

A C H I E V E M E N T D A Y

DUNCAN, ARIZONA

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 26, 1949

LEADERS AND CLUBS

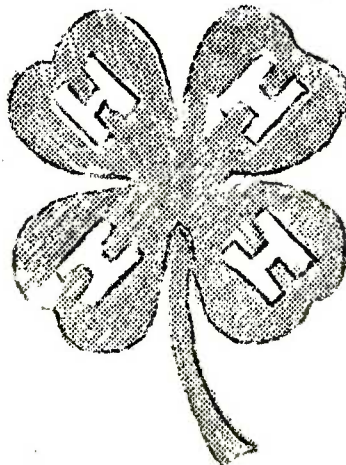
Mrs. Ray Davis -- Jolly Cookers
Miss DonnaLee Lunt -- Scissorettes

P R O G R A M

Yeast Rolls Betty Davis
Nancy Coon

Stuffed Animals Robert Stratton

Ribbon Cake Betty Davis





4-H - Float - Pioneer Day Parade
Saturday, July 23, 1949



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Saturday, July 23, 1949 -
Betty Jo Brown
Mr. Silas Jarvis
Barbara Jarvis
Reece Jarvis

TYPICAL NEWS FROM LOCAL PAPER

Copper Era
August 26, 1949

Greenlee 4-H Achievement Days Are Planned

By Ruth Ann Spencer

4-H achievement days are beginning this week in Greenlee County on Friday the 26th. This year, instead of having one county achievement day, each town with a 4-H club is to have an achievement day of its own.

On August 26th, the "Scissor-ettes" and "Jolly Cookers" of Duncan will have their achievement day. Their leaders are Miss Donna Lee Lunt, and Mrs. Ray Davis. The program for their day has not been planned as yet. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Clara Wilkers at 2:30. The Homemakers club of Franklin will entertain the two 4-H clubs, but the 4-H girls are in charge of their own program.

Finishing all of the achievement day events is the program of the "Busy Beavers" club of York on the first of September. Mrs. Mattie Foote is the leader of this sewing club. They have invited the "Lucky Leaf" club of Plantsite, under the leadership of Mrs. Max Talley, to be their guests, as this club is not ready for their achievement day because they are a new club. They plan to have their day prior to the county fair.

All parents and friends of 4-H girls are invited to attend the achievement days in each of the towns. The girls have worked hard this year and deserve the support of the parents of their communities.